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No. 184. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th August 1876, No. 2,039 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 3rd August 1876, No. 346.

IN continuation of my report on the state of the season in the Villapuram and Tindivanam Taluqs, I have the honor to enclose a translation of an arzi recently received from the Tahsildar of the former taluq, from which it is satisfactory to observe that matters are improving in that taluq.

2. I have also received the accompanying report* from the Head Assistant Collector, who has just made a tour in the eastern portion of the said taluq, from which it appears that the scarcity alluded to in his letter of the 21st ultimo, No. 365, was a scarcity of water for drinking. His present report is decidedly encouraging. There is no more real want of drinking water, and he seems to think that the worst that need be anticipated is a short yield of the cumboo crop.

3. I am glad to be able to inform the Board that from intelligence from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, I learn that, on the 31st ultimo, there was very heavy rain all across the country from Tindivanam to about Trikalore and away in the Gingee direction. He estimated that a width of 30 miles of country had received a heavy fall of rain.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. THOMSON, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Tindivanam, 30th July 1876, No. 387.

I WENT in the beginning of the last week towards Mercanum and in a direction about five miles south of Brammadasem on learning from the Tahsildar's season report that a scarcity of drinking water had begun to be felt there, that is, at Arianthangal, Velur, Karattai, and Komadipett. These three latter villages lie between Kilianoor and the sea. I saw a few village officers and some part of the country, and made inquiries from whoever could give me information.

2. I find that until the 22nd and 23rd but very little rain fell in that part of the taluq which lies to the east of Paramakkal. On these dates, however, so much fell as to bring from fifteen to thirty days' water into the tanks. About one inch was registered at Mercanum, but south-west of it there does not appear to have been so much. There was a great deal of ploughing going on, sometimes for cumboo, which cannot now be expected to give a good crop, but chiefly for varagu. I did not see much sowing proceeding.

3. The cumboo that had been longest on the ground, except in favored spots, looked rather indifferent, and the people talk of reaping only a half crop. The indigo and gingelly generally appeared in a thriving condition, kaveru was being planted in a few places. My impression is that very little cumboo had been sown in Chitterai, but I do not know what an average year should show of this cultivation. In Kandadoo and Nadukuppam the first sowings withered, but generally I think they did not run the risk of losing their seed. The indigo crop in the neighbourhood of Velur gave every sign of a good crop.

4. As to the want of water in Arianthangal and Vendur, there was about ten days' water, the result of the rain; the cattle had been drinking well water up till then, and some wells had gone dry; in Nalmukkal with forty houses they had not even well water, and were reduced to well water for the cattle in Sokkandangal; in Velur and the adjacent villages, Karattai, Koma-

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5. The Mercanum Deputy Tahsildar had not heard any distinct complaint of want of drinking water.

6. Many of the people in the eastern part of the taluq when they have no work in their own villages are in the habit of hiring themselves out in Pondicherry, and several have been doing so this season.

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8. Rain has not been so plentiful here in Tindivanam during the last week as in the earlier part of the month. There was a smart shower yesterday, but not of long duration.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Translation of Tahsildar's Arzi.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The report is very satisfactory.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 185.

ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1876, No. 1,124.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. B. Bantleman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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